management and erosion protection works for Majuli Island. The Brahmaputra Board has completed Model study for protection of Majuli Island in different reaches of Kaniajan area from the erosion of river Brahmaputra. The Board has also prepared Master Plan of Majuli Island for protection against erosion.

Gains of Kalpasar Project

1376. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has drawn out an ambitious Rs. 300 billion Kalpasar project, aiming a harvesting of about 14,000 million cubic litres of water of the seven reivers that flows into the ocean;

(b) if so, the details of the project indicating the quantity of power water expected to be available for irrigation and other purposes and with the implementation of the project, phase-wise; and

(c) the Central and State Government's Contributions to the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) No such project by the name Kalpasar for harnessing water of the seven rivers that flow into the ocean has been received form the Government of Gujarat.

Irrigation Facilities in Madhya Pradesh

†1377. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States lagging behind in achieving the national target of irrigation;

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in order to fill this gap during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the extent of additional irrigation facility likely to be provided to Madhya Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Ultimate Irrigation Potential (UIP) assessed for each State is considered to be the target that the State is supposed to achieve ultimately. The details of the States lagging behind in achieving the national percentage of created irrigation potential as compared with national UIP are given at Annexure *[See Appendix 188, Annexure No. 36.]*

(b) With a view to cover more area under irrigation through expeditious completion of selected ongoing large irrigation projects, Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), launched in 1996-97 to provide Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to the States, is being continued in the Ninth Five Year Plan with modified funding pattern and expanded scope. Starting with matching share of funding by the Centre and the States at the time of inception of the Programme, the pattern of funding has been modified in 1997-98 and 1999-2000 keeping in view the poor financial position of the States. As per the latest revised funding pattern in vogue now, CLA under AIBP is being given in the ratio of 3:1 (Centre:State) to the Special Category State comprising North-Eastern States, Hilly States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim as well as drought prone Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa, and in the ratio of 2:1 (Centre:State) to the remaining General Category States. Besides, Minor Irrigation projects of the Special Category States are also being given CLA under AIBP in 3:1 ratio.

(c) The target for creating additional Irrigation potential in Madhya Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan is 534.75 thousand hectares.